[*English*]

Train from Guwahati to Rourkela via Ranchi

2979. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a train from Guwahati to Rourkela via Ranchi in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Operational and resource constraints.

Circular Railway Service in Delhi

2980. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the frequency of the Circular trains in Delhi and to make these services more effective; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be implemented.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Closure of Bombay Airport

2981. SHRI RAM NAIK:
SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVITATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the landing of flights at the Bombay airport was closed for traffic for a number of days in October, 1991;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that such disruption of traffic does not re-occur?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. Bombay airport was closed for aircraft movement on 28.10.1991 only between 1855 hrs. to 2125 hrs. due to accident to an aircraft belonging to M/s. Continental Aviation Private Limited.

(c) In case of such accidents, some discruption of traffic is unavoidable. However, procedures are already laid down for removal of disabled aircraft from the runway and these instructions have been reiterated.

[*Translation*]

Overbridge at Janakpur Road

2982. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a railway overbridge at Janakpur Road station in Sitamarhi district of Bihar in view of the difficulty being faced by the people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Railway has not so far received from the State Government/Local Authority any firm proposal for the facility, duly consenting to bear the cost, as per rules.

[*English*]

Purchase of Boeing 747

2983. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Boeing 747 in operation and the number of non-operational ones;

(b) whether the Government propose to purchase more Boeing 747 and if so, the number thereof; and

(c) when the new aircraft are likely to be received.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There are 11 Boeing 747 in the fleet of Air India and all are in operation.

(b) and (c) Air India has signed a purchase agreement for acquisition of four Boeing 747-400 aircraft which will be delivered in 1993 and 1994.

Part time Ticket Collectors in Bombay

2984. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether part time ticket collectors have been appointed by the Railways in Bombay;

(b) the percentage of commission being paid to them;

(c) the total amount collected under this scheme during this year, till date;

(d) whether the Government are implementing this scheme in all zones of the Railways;

(e) if so, the Zone-wise number of such employees at present and the amount collected as fine during 1991; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Some Railway employees volunteering to undertake ticket checking work beyond normal duty hours have been so detailed in Bombay area.

(b) They are paid honorarium varying from 20 to 35% for different slabs of their earnings from excess charge and unbooked luggage cases.

(c) A sum of Rs. 42.80 lakhs was collected during the period from April to October, 1991.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The scheme did not elicit a favourable response on other Railways.

Branch of UGC at Hyderabad

2985. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open a branch of the University Grants Commission at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by which tim it is likely to be opened?